

Cleveland Park Citizen Association Minutes for Board Meeting via Zoom – September 2, 2020

In attendance Barr Weiner, Alice Kelley, Elizabeth Ferenczi, Hans Miller, Alli Bernstein, Tom Miller, Isaac Bowers, Mike Rifer, Susan Shinkman, Sauleh Siddiqui

I. Minutes

The minutes for the July 1 meeting were approved without additions.

II. Treasurer's Report

There was little financial activity since July, as is typical for summer months. A few membership renewals have come in though the bulk of renewals come in the Fall. The term for the special-rate CD opened last year has expired. Interest received on the \$20,000 of principal was total \$34 per month. It has now dropped to ~~85~~ 85 cents a month, and treasurer will investigate better CD rates. CPCA has been asked to honor its pledge of \$2500 to support Cleveland Park Main Street made last year, and we are inquiring on timing from CP Main Street.

In conjunction with the Treasurer's report, the Board recorded for the minutes the decision made between meetings to allocate \$200 to purchase toys for children to use at the Brooks temporary family shelter. The Board did not commit further funds at this time, but will monitor needs and consider on a quarterly basis what funds may be appropriate to support the Brooks.

III. Old Business

Survey: We still need to analyze and distribute the results of our survey of members. Sauleh Siddiqui agreed to prepare a final report in time to inform discussion at the first members meeting this Fall.

IV. Member/community engagement

Committee chairs to: (i) review activities on a monthly basis to determine what topics might warrant highlighting or updating on website and/or Facebook page, and (ii) consider best ways to attract additional member engagement, particularly if activities demand more volunteers to ensure timely, effective monitoring and engagement.

V. Pandemic issues

Slow Streets/transportation: The Board discussed whether to take further action regarding obtaining Slow Street designation for any streets crossing through Cleveland Park, now that DDOT has decided not to include the Idaho-Rodman corridor. We decided not to take further action at this time given that the Emergency Order is currently scheduled to expire in early October, but will investigate other options to address pedestrian safety in the neighborhood that could apply even beyond the Order's period. With DDOT permission, it is possible to put up signs in neighborhoods. CPCA will investigate what opportunities there may be to post signs encouraging motorists to drive at appropriate speed for residential streets.

Cleveland Park Main Street: The Board agreed to investigate use of the Uptown marquee for neighborhood resilience and other such pandemic-related messaging. CPCA will contact Cleveland Park Main Street about organizing an event in early October to help them engage further with members on the needs of Connecticut Avenue merchants particularly during the pandemic, inviting local business owners to discuss their needs and what Main Street has to help them stay in business and plan for the future.

VI. Candidates Forums

The candidate forums would last approximately 1 ½ hours. Candidates would be given a list of likely questions beforehand and we would provide links to their websites.

At-Large Seat Council candidate forums: 11 of the 24 candidates have expressed interest in participating and would be available for Zoom meetings on September 21 or 24<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to conduct two candidate events with 6-7 participants in each, should additional candidates confirm.

ANC 3C05 and 3C08 forum: We would hold a separate event for these two seats that each represent portions of Cleveland Park and have multiple candidates, total of five candidates. We decided to hold this forum in conjunction with our first Fall members meeting.

VII. Comprehensive Plan

The Board will complete initial analysis of revised Comp Plan amendments submitted to DC Council in time to engage the membership and hold a forum in October, to brief the community and inform CPCA's views in anticipation of Council hearings in November.

VIII. Connecticut Avenue Reversible Lanes

Initial proposals being considered under DDOT's reversible lane study include several that do not eliminate reversible lanes and generally reduce parking along the Connecticut Avenue business strip, with some including new lanes for bikes and mechanisms to facilitate public bus transport. A survey is underway of local vendors, which is expected to confirm prior surveys stating that parking is important to their businesses. DDOT plans to select a single option this Fall on which to hold public hearings. The Transportation Committee continues to analyze options, and there may be opportunities to work with other community organizations to identify shared goals and recommendations to make to DDOT. The Committee will report back to the Board shortly re next steps.

IX. Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness

Activities of the DEI committee were briefly discussed, including issuance of CPCA's letter in support of changing the name of Woodrow Wilson High School. The Board agreed to investigate pricing for CPCA signs that might be used to promote DEI goals in the community and perhaps help fund assistance for related activities including with the Brooks. [The Committee will report further on plans at the October meeting.]

X. Board Membership

Under the CPCA Bylaws, the Board has the authority to fill a seat if a Board member resigns, for the remainder of the member's current Board term. However, only a minimum of six seats need to be filled, those of the officers. With the recent resignation of two Board members, Melody Molinoff and Naihua

Duan, whose terms end this fiscal year (June, 2021), the Board membership is currently 13 rather than the maximum of 15 members. The Board voted 10-0 to fill one of the vacancies with John Korbel.

[The Board wishes to take this opportunity to thank both Melody and Naihua for their service to CPCA over the past year.]